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COORDINATING COMMITTEE

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

ON

NEW METALS ETC. WATCH LIST ITEM NO. 1

December 10th, 1959

Present: Belgium (Luxembourg), France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM Documents Nos. 3700.5, 3716.00/1, 3716.WL.NI 1/1, New Watch List Item No. 1/W.P.1.

1. At the opening of the second round of discussion, the CHAIRMAN reminded the Committee that the Belgian and United Kingdom Delegations had opposed the United States proposal to add this item to the Watch List, while the German Delegation had put forward a revised wording which would enable them to agree. He asked first for comments on this suggested change in the definition.
2. The BELGIAN Delegate stated that he had not yet received instructions.
3. The UNITED STATES Delegate said he had received no instruction indicating that he could accept the German proposal in preference to his own.
4. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate stated that he had nothing to add to his statement as recorded in paragraph 5 of COCOM Document 3716.WL.NI 1/1. His authorities continued to oppose the United States proposal on all counts.
5. The CHAIRMAN appealed to the Committee to bear in mind the spirit in which the principle of a Watch List had been accepted by the Consultative Group. Although the suggestion that a simple majority vote would suffice had not been adopted, there had been an understanding that the procedure for placing items on the Watch List should be more flexible than was the case for List I. He asked the dissenting Delegations - those of Belgium, Germany and the United Kingdom - to report his remarks to their Governments and ask them to give earnest reconsideration to this matter.
6. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate stated that he would of course report the Chairman's appeal. He wished the Committee to know, however, that his authorities would be unable to fulfil the obligation entailed by the existence of a Watch List item of this nature. They would not be in a position to give any statistical information on molybdenum alloys etc. leaving the United Kingdom, as they were not separately identified.
7. The CHAIRMAN asked whether the United Kingdom position would be easier if the Committee were to adopt the change proposed by the German Delegation which omitted alloys from the definition.
8. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate said that this would not affect the principle involved.
9. The BELGIAN Delegate stated that the position of his authorities was similar to that explained by his United Kingdom colleague.
10. The FRENCH Delegate stated that he would join the majority in accepting either the United States text or the German amendment.
11. The COMMITTEE agreed to resume the study of this proposal, on the basis of both texts, on the 16th December.

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